

SENATOR BEVERIDGE appears to have come out at the small end of the horn on the statehood and beef trust legislation, although he was fully in accord with the president.

MAE WOOD declares that Senator Platt married her, and if this is true it partly explains the reason why the Republican senate hates to vote on the Mormon question. There may be others in the same fix as Senator Platt.

AND they say that King Haakon is as good a Democrat as Teddy. No doubt of it. He was made king by people who preferred royalty on dress parade to Democracy in power. A king who is a Democrat is as great a hypocrite as a Democrat who a king must be.

SENATOR ELKINS says there is no satisfaction in having great wealth. Perhaps there is not much comfort in wealth acquired in the Elkins way, but where would Elkins and the other millionaire senators be politically without barrels of money?

SINCE the death of Gov. Patterson of Ohio, the Republican politicians have been fully employed in figuring on how to bounce the few Democrats the late governor appointed to office. In fact, they did not wait for the funeral before the congressional delegation at Washington were holding a caucus and apportioning the offices for their henchmen.

THE railroad rate bill has been fashioned into a club for extorting favors from the railroads in the coming election. It allows the roads to give free passes to every delegate to a political convention and as the law does not take effect until after election, every senator, congressman and cabinet officer can get a pass for this fall's campaign. If the roads don't give the passes, the delegates will "vote according to the dictates of conscience." The passes will be forthcoming, and in all future legislation the roads will be "protected" as heretofore.

THE Pennsylvania railroad officials have been ordered to dispose of their coal stock holdings, but will the small operators obtain justice, or will the favored mine owners still have advantage? That is the serious question that the Democrats demand be settled fairly. What the people want is the abolition of the combination between the coal producing industry and the railroads, which has been exposed through the Tillman-Gillespie resolution under which the interstate commerce commission investigated the combine and the grafting. Let us have lower railroad rates and cheaper coal and abolish the tariff on coal so that competition may aid in reducing the price.

MR. ARMOUR'S yacht was placed at the disposal of "Princess" Alice and her husband at Kiel. Mr. Armour isn't scoured a bit by Mr. Roosevelt's talk about his packing-house. He knows it was all a feint to get \$3,000,000 more patronage for use in bribing "the small farmers and mechanics of the East," whom Roosevelt denounced in his book "The Winning of the West," as "unfit to be mentioned in the same breath" with the cowboys. Mr. Armour is related to the cowboys.

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BENSON, the new Republican senator from Kansas, does not favor the plan of the farmer's unions of that state to elongate the male shirt tail, and is too modest to impart his idea about peck-a-booo waists for the women.

THE nomination of United States senators by the people in party primaries is in successful operation in all the southern states except Missouri. There are no Platts, Depews or Drydens in the senate from that section.

FOUNCEER BARNES is now post master at Washington. "It was a dirty job," said a Republican senator who voted to confirm; "but it is all over now." It was, indeed, a dirty job. Mendacity and brutality were never so flagrant as by the Roosevelt partisans in this Barnes case.

THE fish trust, protected by the Republican tariff from 20 to 43 per cent and over, is making hay while the sun shines, by taking advantage of the public antipathy to embalmed beef and other packing-house products, and has raised the price of fresh and salt fish to the usual plundering point of tariff protected monopolies.

THE Standard Oil and the Republican campaign managers got in their work on the railroad rate bill in the conference committee. They tried to kill the senate amendments to the bill which forbade railroads to issue free passes and also the one which divorced the business of the common carrier from that of the producer and manufacturer. Read the Congressional Record for June 25, from pages 9377 to 9396.

SHIP SUBSIDY DEFEATED.

If hard and dirty work is entitled to reward, Gen. Grosvenor, chairman of the house committee on merchant marine fisheries, has certainly earned his honorarium from the hands of the ship-trust people. That the committee by a tie voted failed to report the bill was not Grosvenor's fault for he has been indefatigable in helping the subsidy lobbyists in getting their evidence before the committee and in bulldozing those who appear to defeat the steal. Grosvenor has just published a statement that the bill will be reported by the committee at the next session and will be passed. But Grosvenor and his subsidy bill have struck troublous times and his reputation as a prophet has been everlastingly damaged by his repudiation by the Republicans of Ohio. Those voters who oppose the ship-subsidy steal should persist in making every candidate for congress pledge himself to vote against it, and those members of the present congress who are not candidates for re-election should be urged to stand by the people if they ever expect any future favors at their hands.

Most Republican congressmen consider their greatest achievement of the last session to be the "pure pork bill" which makes some Republican constituencies believe they are "doing things." The Democrats point with pride to the fact that they forced the Republican majority to vote for a rate bill, a pure food bill and

other remedial legislation that has for years been the principal plank in Democratic platforms.

PEOPLE of Ohio are evidently determined to punish the trusts that conspire to retain trade within the borders of their commonwealth. In consequence five ice dealers, who combined to raise the price of ice and who are described as "all prominent in business and social circles" have been fined \$5,000, each, and to serve one year in the workhouse. The Democratic laven is certainly working.

SOME of our esteemed contemporaries are much exercised over President Roosevelt's statement that he eats nothing but hard boiled eggs for breakfast. The food that Mr. Roosevelt eats may become of public importance if it affects his brain or temperament, but only in those cases should it be discussed. Are we to understand that these critics would restrict the presidential appetite and compel him to limit the hardness and number of the eggs he can engorge. Many notable epicures have had strange likings for queer food, as for instance the English king who died of eating too many lampreys, and as Mr. Roosevelt may not be versed in the gastronomic art or may prefer hard boiled eggs, to soft boiled ones, why not let him have his way without criticism.

TARIFF REFORM IN IOWA.

The position of Gov. Cummins on the tariff issue occupied the attention of the house of representatives a few days before adjournment and the Republicans were worked up to a fighting pitch by the question of Champ Clark, if Gov. Cummins had not carried Iowa on a tariff revision issue? Lacey of Iowa declared that Gov. Cummins had said nothing in regard to the tariff this year. Champ Clark retorted that last November the governor said: "All the robberies committed by all the life insurance companies in all time did not equal one-fifth of the robberies inflicted by the Dingley bill in one year."

That was too much for the equilibrium of even that seasoned old debater, Grosvenor, who lost his balance and made the following indiscreet attack upon Gov. Cummins by declaring: "Any man who will say that is unworthy of the confidence of one American citizen, let alone the majority of the states. Such a man as that is a false libeler of every decent aspiration of American citizenship."

As Grosvenor is a mouth organ of the Protective Tariff league, which thrives upon contributions from the tariff protected trusts, it is evident that if Gov. Cummins is nominated on a tariff revision platform the stand-patters will try to defeat him. The Democrats in congress have had lots of fun sprinkling salt on the raw hides of the Republican stand-patters.

ROOSEVELT TO BOMB ASTO.

"I have gone over your bill very carefully," said the president to Mr. Wadsworth; and then he proceeded to declare that certain words were in the bill which were not there, and that a certain provision was not in the bill which was there. Then he berated Wadsworth in true cowboy fashion, charging him with bad faith and lack of integrity. But when Wadsworth resented the insult and proved that the president was mistaken, there was a very awkward apology and a shifting of ground and hiding behind a scape-goat as usual in a Rooseveltian fiasco. "Now," says the New York Evening Post, "this would be a sore discomfiture to a debater, on the floor of the house; and when the president comes forward as practically such a debater he cannot escape appearing discomfited also. But

Roosevelt, the debater, rides off on the excuse of a sovereign that the blunder was not his, but that of his advisers. It was Beveridge that misled him. It was Reynolds whose sociological eye failed to find in the bill what the president now confesses was there all the time. Yes, but the president did not say that it was Beveridge and Reynolds who had carefully gone over the Wadsworth bill and found it 'very, very bad'. He used the 'I,' and that makes it difficult afterwards to say "they."

The net result of the whole business is that President Roosevelt has gone back on his friends and has increased by \$3,000,000 the amount of patronage available to help the trust candidates for congress in Illinois, Missouri and Nebraska next fall; has strengthened the monopoly of the larger packers and the little ones and the cattlemen very much. The disciple of Kang Hi is a wonderful character.

Wednesday of last week some one fired a shot either accidentally or purposely through the house of Deputy Marshal Skinner of Huntsville. Mr. Skinner and family were seated at the supper table when the shot was fired. It passed within three inches of one of the children's head. It is hard to be believed that the shot was fired intentionally, still Mr. Skinner wouldn't mind knowing who "did the deed."

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